

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to almost every classroom in America. It is critical for students to have access at home and at school. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I have seen how knowledge of technology has escalated my own children's as well as my students' success in their careers ,which would stimulate an economy that needs help. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.